

Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Air Traffic Subcommittee; General Aviation Mode S Working Group

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of General Aviation Mode S Working Group.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the establishment of a General Aviation Mode S Working Group by the Air Traffic Subcommittee of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee. This notice informs the public of the activities of the Air Traffic Subcommittee of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) established an Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (56 FR 2190, January 22, 1991) which held its first meeting on May 23, 1991 (56 FR 20492, May 3, 1991). The Air Traffic Subcommittee was established at that meeting to provide advice and recommendations to the Director, Air Traffic Rules and Procedures Services, on air traffic operations rulemaking actions. At its first meeting on May 24, 1991 (56 FR 20492, May 3 1991), the subcommittee established the General Aviation Mode S Working Group.

Specifically, the working group's task is the following:

Validate the requirement for Mode S to be installed on general aviation aircraft, including the expected benefits to be derived from installation. Who should be required to have Mode S transponders? Is Mode S on general aviation aircraft necessary for the air traffic system to realize significant safety benefits? Can the system do without a Mode S requirement on general aviation aircraft? Should Mode S requirements exist for flight into high-density areas? By December 31, 1991, provide to the FAA a completed document.

The General Aviation Mode S Working Group will be comprised of experts from those organizations having an interest in the task assigned to it. A working group member need not necessarily be a representative of one of the organizations of the parent Air Traffic Subcommittee or of the full Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee. An individual who has expertise in the subject matter and wishes to become a member of the working group should write the person listed under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** expressing that desire and describing his or her interest in the task and the expertise he or she would bring to the working group. The request will be reviewed with the subcommittee chair and working group leader and the individual advised whether or not the request can be accommodated.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee and its subcommittees are necessary in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law. Meetings of the full committee and any subcommittees will be open to the public except as authorized by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meetings of the General Aviation Mode S Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

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